

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2284–2285, S. Res. 418, and S. Con. Res. 40. **Page S2324**

Measures Considered:

Paying A Fair Share Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2230, to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 65), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2313**

21st Century Postal Service Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, that the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be agreed to and that there be up to ten minutes of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, upon reconsideration. **Page S2342**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 91 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. Ex. 64), Stephanie Dawn Thacker, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ingrid A. Gregg, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2017.

James L. Henderson, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2017.

Vicki Miles-LaGrange, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2015.

Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring April 16, 2017.

Jay Nicholas Anania, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

Susan Marsh Elliott, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

David J. Lane, of Florida, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2019. **Page S2342**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
(Total—65)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2342.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4348–4362; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 613, 615–618 were introduced. Pages H1844–45

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1846–48

Reports Filed: A report was filed on April 10, 2012 as follows:

H.R. 9, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for domestic business income of qualified small businesses, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–425).

A report was filed on April 13, 2012 as follows:

H.R. 4089, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–426, Pt. 1).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 205, to amend the Act titled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases”, approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior with amendments (H. Rept. 112–427);

S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (H. Rept. 112–428);

S. 897, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation

projects and acid mine remediation programs (H. Rept. 112–429);

H.R. 1545, to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–430);

H.R. 2915, to repeal the Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–431);

S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–432);

S. 404, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior (H. Rept. 112–433);

S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah (H. Rept. 112–434);

H.R. 491, to modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–435);

H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–436);

H.R. 2050, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–437);